

**NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
PUBLIC NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON DRAFT PERMIT
FOR THE GREAT PLAINS SYNFUELS PLANT - DAKOTA GASIFICATION COMPANY
THE NORTH DAKOTA HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT RULES**

FACILITY NAME

**Great Plains Synfuels Plant
Dakota Gasification Company
420 County Road 26
Beulah North Dakota 58523**

BACKGROUND

The Great Plains Synfuels Plant, operated by Dakota Gasification Company (DGC), is a coal conversion plant located seven miles northwest of Beulah, North Dakota. The plant transforms lignite coal into synthetic natural gas, plus marketable by-products including ammonium sulfate fertilizer, anhydrous ammonia, phenol, tar oil, and naphtha. This process generates a variety of hazardous waste that requires specific management under the North Dakota Hazardous Waste Management Rules. The hazardous wastes include paint wastes, waste solvents, and lab wastes. These hazardous wastes are currently collected and transported to the existing on-site hazardous waste container storage and bulk storage facilities prior to shipment off-site to approved hazardous waste treatment, storage or disposal facilities for final treatment or disposal. These hazardous waste streams are temporarily stored on-site in hazardous waste management units covered in this Draft Permit. This Draft Permit deals specifically with those hazardous wastes that DGC desires to store longer than the ninety (90) days allowed for storage without a permit.

DGC currently stores these hazardous waste streams in the hazardous waste management units and conducts corrective actions in areas identified in the Draft Permit under the current state-issued hazardous waste storage permit HW-010. This permit expires on August 3, 2006. The current permit will remain in effect and enforceable, in accordance with the requirements of Section 33-24-06-02 of the North Dakota Administrative Code (NDAC), until a new permit is issued. The North Dakota Department of Health believes that a permit which meets the requirements of the North Dakota Hazardous Waste Management Rules to protect human health and the environment can be issued and has prepared a Draft Permit with the appropriate conditions according to the requirements of Chapters 33-24-06 and 33-24-07 NDAC.

During the operations at the facility, certain units have caused contamination through leaks and spills. This contamination is being addressed under Corrective Action, and this corrective action is addressed in the Draft Permit. To date, DGC has undertaken a program to mitigate the contamination and has met certain goals demonstrating their commitment to the Corrective Action Program. The requirements of the Corrective Action Program are contained in the Draft Permit.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND HEARING

As required by Section 33-24-07-06 NDAC, the Draft Permit will be available for public review and comment for forty-five (45) days beginning on July 7, 2006 and ending August 21, 2006. During that period any interested person may submit written comments or request a public hearing by stating the nature of the specific issues to be raised. The North Dakota Department of Health will consider all comments prior to taking any action on the permit. Comments, questions, and written communication should be directed to:

Curtis L. Erickson
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918 East Divide Avenue, 3rd Floor
Bismarck, ND 58501-1947 (701-328-5166)

The permit, a Fact Sheet concerning the permit, and other pertinent information are available for review during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the North Dakota Department of Health, Division of Waste Management, 918 East Divide Avenue, 3rd Floor, Bismarck, ND. The permit and Fact Sheet are available for review during the hours of 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the Beulah Public Library, Reference Desk, Beulah, North Dakota. Lastly, a Fact Sheet and Public Notice of Opportunity to Comment are available on the North Dakota Department of Health Internet site at the following address: <http://www.ndhealth.gov/wm/PC.htm>.

If anyone requires special accommodations, notify the Department at 701-328-5166.